



EDITOR'S NOTE

My Fellow Lions,

First of all, a big Thank You! to all the supporters and attendees of our Club's 10th Year Anniversary.

The start of this Lionistic Year for our club had been less than perfect. We had lost five members but also gained five. Projects were accomplished but was harder to execute due to non-cooperation of some members who had shifted their focus on disagreements rather than purposes on why we all joined the Lions, "To Serve".

When I was very young, at a young age of 14, I used to attend the Lions "parties", as I perceived them at that time. My grandmother, uncles, and aunts were Lions in the Philippines. The parties were well attended by very well dressed people with big 15 piece orchestra rendering the music for ballroom dancing, and my grandmother would make me sing and entertain. Parts of the program were people making short speeches and giving and accepting awards. At that time, I did not know why or what they are doing but I always had a great time because I feel like a grown up hobnobbing with these very successful and happy people.

Thirty or some years later, I became a Lion. I thought, why did I not become a Lion earlier? Looking back, I realized nobody had explained to me what a Lion is. Why become a Lion? If not for my curiosity with why my husband kept on attending club meetings, and my first visit at the Florida Lions Camp, I probably would still be ignorant of what Lions do for the community. Now that I know, I could say, "I AM PROUD TO BE A LION" and I intend to advocate our cause. Let our actions and dedication be a constant reminder to all our friends, co-workers, relatives and the community that we Lions are the everyday heroes and WE are here to serve.

Let us all welcome 2009 with a big Roar!

Dorothy Soller Letakis

Bulletin Editor and SFAALC Secretary
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW LIONS

2008 CONGRATULATIONS!

LION

MICHAEL "BONG" ARZADON

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 2 - Lion Tessie Kenyon Oct. 10 - Lion Elaine Magpantay
Oct. 18 - Lion Elsie Romano Nov. 8 - Lion Dem Pangantihon
Dec. 2 - Lion Jorla Soller Dec. 8 - Lion Andrew Carnegie IV

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO

**PARTICIPATE IN OUR "FEEDING THE HOMELESS" AT
THE COOPERATIVE FEEDING CENTER OF BROWARD
ON DEC. 13, 2008 AND OUR ANNUAL "HOLIDAY
ENTERTAINMENT AT WEST BROWARD NURSING HOME
ON DEC. 22, 2008.**

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.



ROARRRR!

District 35-A

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Move Over Vegas! The "Roaring Showgirls" are Here!



The "Roaring Showgirls"

Lion Adelfa Muskovac, Lion Annie Nanowsky, Lion Marlyn Sepanik, Lion Freda Arzadon, Lion Elsie Romano, Lion Lilibeth Germain, Lion Nenette Vilches, and Rose McGee.

Lion Dorothy Soller Letakis sang and choreographed the dance numbers.

The 10th Anniversary of the South Florida Lions Club was a smashing success!

The event which was held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Ballroom on November 26, 2008 was well attended and supported by the members of different Lions Clubs and the community.

International Director, Lion Neil Spencer, was the Special Guest and Speaker joined by his wife Lion Donna. Also present were PDCC Lion Stacy Jones who did the Invocation, Vice District Governor Edgar Roa and His wife, Lion Fatima, District 35A Secretary Lion Betty Newcomb joined by her husband. PDG Lion Nina Loaisa, Miami-Asian American Lions Club Guiding Lion Elaine Tidwell and many others.

Michael Arzadon was inducted as a new Lion and Charter President Lion Annie Nanowsky honored all the Past Presidents of the club.

The biggest surprise of all was the show rendered by SFAALC Secretary Lion Dorothy Soller Letakis who was a professional entertainer for 25 years featuring the newly formed dance group, the "Roaring Showgirls". The Stars are born!



Haunted Trail at the Florida Lions Camp



Lion Adelfa & Lion Dorothy

Every year for the past three years, SFAALC members and the Davie Leo volunteers at the Florida Lions Camp to help with the camp's annual celebration and fundraising event on Halloween.

Six Lions and eleven Leos camped out in two cabins and helped scare the kids and adults, as well, on this fun and "scary" night .



Lion Annie Nanowsky

LIONS DEN

WE ARE LIONS

We meet the needs of our local communities and the world.

Our 1.3 million men and women in 200 countries and geographic areas conduct vision and health screenings, build parks, support eye hospitals, award scholarships, assist youth, provide help in time of disaster and much more.

Join us in making our communities and the world better places to live.



Sing and Spread Joy while Feeding The Homeless

With the present collapse of the economy, singing "Joy to the World" seems like a hard song to sing, but the Davie Leos and the South Florida Asian American Lions club gave joy to the hearts of these homeless people of Broward county. While serving hearty meals of ham and turkey, the Lions and Leos clapped their hands, stomp their feet and sang their hearts out. Reggie, sat on his wheelchair beaming with joy as Lion Dorothy dedicated the song "You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman" and said nobody had sung to him in his whole life. He was so happy and felt proud that the song was dedicated to him.

Andy Mathison, a businessman acquaintance of Lion George, President of SFAALC, who is visiting from the UK volunteered to join the activity and said that this would really make his trip worth remembering. He enjoyed it so much that he plans to join us again in another volunteer work when he visits the US this summer with his young daughter and plans to check on Lions clubs in England.



The joyful volunteers

The delicious food that fed 350 homeless visitors were all cooked and donated by the SFAALC Lions and Davie Leos.

LCIF Ambassador- IPCC Lion Stacy Jones also got into the spirit and rendered an inspiring song for

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

LCIF WEEK

Celebrate LCIF Week by supporting your [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#). LCIF Week January 11-17, 2009 coincides with Melvin Jones' Birthday and provides the chance to reaffirm your commitment to making a difference in the lives of millions.

Hold a special fundraiser in the community for one of LCIF's many humanitarian programs. Take this opportunity to increase your support by becoming a [Contributing Member](#) or [Melvin Jones Fellow](#).

Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly to a grant. LCIF is able to help millions through the support of Lions like you.

LCIF MISSION STATEMENT

To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects.



SUPPORT LCIF!



Lion Alex and Lion Ana Maria



Lion Dem as the Dishwasher!



Merry Christmas, everybody.



Andy from UK and Lion George



Lion George keeping it clean!



Anybody thirsty?



MINUTES OF MEETINGS

October 19, 2008 Kamado Japanese Restaurant—2402 University Dr., Pembroke Pines

Call to Order by Lion George. Fifteen members in attendance, and eight guests which includes 3 Past District Governors. Old Business was discussed and the meeting was approved by the whole membership to be recorded because of the sensitivity of some accusations of members. Discussions were heated at times but in the end, things were resolved. Lion Marlyn reported that there are 33 members but five have not paid, yet. Reasons why some members are not attending were discussed, some because of busy schedules and some are being discouraged because of the negative exchange of e-mails. Lion Adel said that there were some new people who would want to join but with the present environment in the club, it is a bit embarrassing to introduce new members because they might get the wrong idea or image of Lionism. President, Lion George reiterated that we should work on getting along and support the projects of the club even if we disagree with some issues. This is just a summary of the minutes as meeting lasted for 3 hours. Adjourned by Lion George at 3:15PM.

November 23, 2008—10th Anniversary at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino

The 10th Anniversary was well attended with 175 Lions and guests. The event was such a huge success that everyone went home talking about how they enjoyed the evening specially the show by Lion Dorothy Soller Letakis with the Lion "Showgirls". International Director Lion Neil Spencer was the special guest with his wife PDG Donna. Among others were VDG Edgar Roa and wife, LCIF Ambassadors Stacy Jones, Cabinet Secretary Betty Newcomb and husband, PDG Nina Loaiza, Lion Elaine Tidwell and many others.

Dec. 7, 2008-Kamado Restaurant

Lion Arthur offered lots of ideas to participate in community and city projects to promote and making Lions visible in the community. Lion George presented the resignation of some members and was approved by the membership present. Replacement BOD's were nominated and accepted: Lion Nnette, Lion Ana Maria, Lion Arthur. SFAALC adopted a shed at the Lions Camp and will do a work week on Jan. 24th. Sinulog will be next week and we will sell the usual banana cue, siopao and peanuts. Feed the homeless on Dec. 13th and West Broward Nursing Home Entertainment



SFAALC OFFICERS & B.O.D.

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LION TAMER	LION DEM PANGANTIHON
P.R.O.	LION FREDA ARZADON
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LION VANGEE NIERE
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Thoughts to Ponder

TOP TEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

New Year has always been a time for reflecting on the past year and moving forward to the coming year, and time to reflect on the changes we want or need and resolve to follow through.

Did your New Year's Resolution make the "Most Common" List?

Lose Weight 2. Stick to a Budget 3. Reduce Debt 4. Spend More Time with Family and Friends 5. Find Love 6. Quit Smoking 7. Find a Better Job or Keep the Job 8. Learn Something New 9. Volunteer 10. Get Organized

Customs and Traditions:

Lots of cultures have ancient traditions that they follow on New Year's eve to either bring good luck for the next year. Some of there were: House Cleaning on New Year to brush away the past bad luck. Others wear polka dotted clothes to represent prosperity/money. English women wear red underwear for more romance to come. Irish tradition bangs on walls and door to chase bad luck and bring in good spirits. In Iran, they bang pots and pans together. Firecrackers are a popular way in China. Greeks throw a pomegranate on the floor before entering the house on Jan. 1st and must step on right foot coming in. In the Philippines, children jump up and down at midnight to make sure that they will grow tall. Germans prefer to drop melted lead into cold water and take turns interpreting the results.

These New Year traditions are so old and come from all corners of the world...that are all done basically in the hopes of wishing for better things to come. Happy New Year Everyone!

Humor in the Den

Grandma's Birth Control Pills

A doctor that had been seeing an 80 year old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next check up, the new doctor told her to bring in a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the young doctor was looking through these, his eyes grew wide as he realized she had a prescription for birth control.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are BIRTH CONTROL PILLS?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith, I can assure you there is absolutely NOTHING in

Calendar of Events

November 15, 2008

2nd Cabinet Meeting - Dania Beach

November 23, 2008

SFAALC 10th Anniversary - Hard Rock Casino and Hotel

December 13, 2008

Feed The Homeless—Cooperative Feeding Program

December 21, 2008

Holiday Entertainment & Bingo West Broward Nursing Home

January 24, 2009

Cabinet Meeting—District 35A

January 28, 2009

Florida Eye Bank Seminar

February 21, 2009

Leadership Seminar sponsored by Miami Lakes

February 28, 2009

Florida Lions Camp Walk-a-thon

March 5-8, 2009

Lions Spring Conference , Orlando

April 17 to 19, 2009

Mini Convention—District 35A

April 30 to May 3, 2009

Multiple District Convention

these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the doctor's knee.

"Yes Dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year old grand daughter drinks...And believe me, it helps me sleep at night.

You gotta love Grandma's.

South Florida Asian American Lions and Davie Leos in Action



Lion's Camp Haunted Trail



Lion's Camp Haunted Trail



Beach Clean Up II



Back To School '08



Sinulog 2008



Eye Bank Tour



Stamp Out Hunger Drive



Broward Nursing Home BINGO



W.B. Holiday Entertainment



Cooperative Feeding



Cooperative Feeding Team



Caroling at Nursing Home

Florida Lions Eye Bank

Helping Give the Gift Of Sight

Since 1962, the Florida Lions Eye Bank has LIVED FOR OTHERS, with SERVICE dedicated to patients/recipients, ophthalmologists, donor families and local and international community. It is a Non-Profit, 501C-3 organization and was the very first eye bank established in the State of Florida. The Florida Lions Eye Bank is privileged not only to be housed in, but also to serve and work with the distinguished ophthalmologists of the #1 Eye Hospital in the United States, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the Miller School of Medicine of the University of Miami.

The Florida Lions Eye Bank primary goal is the recovery, processing and distribution of donated eye tissue, including cornea and sclera, to ophthalmologists for surgical procedures. Additionally, eye tissue is provided to researchers to advance the field of ophthalmology. The Florida Lions Eye Bank also operates a very highly regarded ocular pathology laboratory.

For many individuals, the only hope of restored vision is a corneal transplant. The cornea is a thin transparent surface which covers the front of the eye like a window. When the cornea becomes cloudy or damaged due to disease, injury, accident or hereditary conditions, in many cases, the cornea must be removed and replaced with healthy donor cornea. In 90 percent of cases, cornea transplants are successful in restoring sight for the first time.

Ophthalmic surgeons also use the donor sclera tissue. The sclera is the white portion of the eye and is commonly used in glaucoma procedures as a patch to protect tube shunts that are placed to relieve ocular pressure. Donor sclera tissue is also used as a shell for prosthetic implants when an eye must be removed due to a tumor or because of trauma.

The Florida Lions Eye Bank is committed to participating in research efforts to improve and advance the field of Ophthalmology. These contributions to research give hope to future generations as researchers make valuable progress toward the treatment and cure of blinding eye diseases. The Florida Lions Eye Bank:

- Provides donated eye tissue to ophthalmic researchers for research projects
- Provides eye tissue for training/teaching of medical students and community based ophthalmologists
- Awards financial support annually to ophthalmic researchers to support their efforts.

Since the eye banks founding, it has operated a pathology laboratory, which is one of only 10 such facilities in the United States solely dedicated to the study of ophthalmic pathology. The lab receives tissue from surgeries performed at Bascom Palmer, other sites in Florida and the United States, as well as Central and South America. The specialized services provided by the lab help guide the treating physicians in diagnosing and treating patients with potentially vision threatening ophthalmic diseases. Additionally, the archive of glass slides, consisting of over 50,000 cases is available for examination, teaching, and research activities and is used to help provide training to Bascom Palmer Ophthalmology residents.

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